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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated 2/19/2004, in which all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow.

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From: Re: Jerry A. Miller 10/085,854

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March 24, 2004

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Following is a <u>draft</u> response to the outstanding Office Action in the above application for discussion tomorrow as we arranged on the phone.

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this proposed response with me. I look forward to the discussion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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